

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
BEAUFORT DIVISION

Ted D. Ellis and Teresa Ellis, )  
)  
Plaintiffs, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
Cody Kirkman, Individually; Amber )  
Swinehammer, Individually; Lindsey )  
Gibson, Individually; Cody C. Kirkman, )  
Amber Swinehammer, and Lindsey )  
Gibson, as agents/officers of Town of )  
Bluffton Police Department; and Town )  
Bluffton Police Department, )  
)  
Defendants. )  
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C/A No.: 9:19-cv-02163-RMG-MGB

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**STATUS REPORT**

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On today's date, the undersigned counsel confirmed by telephonic consultations with Assistant United States Attorney Ben Garner that following retirement of Special Agent George French of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, a new FBI agent has been assigned and is assuming the case. As a result, we are advised that there will be some delay in the completion of the pending investigation. Thus, to date, no prosecutorial decision has been made and they await a final decision on the direction of the investigation. Therefore, the reasons set forth in support of the Order to Stay remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cody C. Kirkman, Individually and as an Officer of Town of Bluffton Police Department; Amber Swinehamer, (mistakenly spelled Swinehammer), Individually and as an Officer of Town of Bluffton Police Department; former Bluffton police officer Lindsey Gibson, sued individually and as a former police officer of the Bluffton Police Department and the Town of Bluffton Police Department

September 13, 2021

Walterboro, South Carolina